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SPH in the News

[If Congress can't act on gun control, local communities must](#) -*The Seattle Times*; op-ed by **Jeffrey Duchin** (Epi)

[OSHA amplifies efforts to limit construction workers' noise exposures](#) - *Business Insurance*; quotes **Richard Gleason** (DEOHS)

[Hidden harm: US healthcare emits more greenhouse gas than entire UK](#) - *Reuters Health*; quotes Dean **Howard Frumkin**

[UW students head to Nepal for hands-on learning](#) -*The Seattle Times*; quotes **Biraj Karmacharya** (PhD, Epi '15, MPH, GH '16), **David Citrin** (GH) and **Trinell Carpenter** (PHM)

[Recently Awarded Grants & Contracts](#) »

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Who Knew??



PhD student Marielle Goyette (Epi), while serving in

the Peace Corps in Senegal, biked to and from her rural village with a machete because a clairvoyant woman had a premonition that there was a head hunter on their road. She lived in that village for two years working as a health volunteer.

On the Calendar

Jul 25, 8:00 am
[Surviving & Thriving During the Research Years](#)

Aug 1-3
[Summer Institute for Public Health Practice](#)

We'll keep you busy: take a look at the [SPH Events](#)

Congrats!



MPH student **Katie Reynolds** (HServ) won the SPH Remak Scholarship and is spending the summer in South Africa. She will be supporting a team from UCSF to implement Smart Diaphragm, a device aimed at detecting whether a woman is at risk of preterm birth.



Lauren Mittelman (PHM) and **Aleenah Ansari** (PHM, Biochemistry) won an inaugural [Husky Seed Fund](#) award for their project *The Vulnerability Collective*, a series of 100 inspiring, true stories told by UW community members about overcoming challenges. The Husky Seed Fund is a new grant program established by the Husky Experience Student Advisory Council with the goal of catalyzing student-led projects that have a positive campus impact.



Fred Rivara (Epi) was named a [ParentMap Superhero](#) for his contributions to injury prevention and public education. "The world is a safer place thanks to Dr. Fred Rivara," says Elizabeth Bennett from Seattle Children's.



The Department of Global Health [awarded fellowships](#) to 31 outstanding graduate students and medical residents for fieldwork around the world. This year's cohort (including **Cynthia Simekha**, pictured) will travel to more than 10 countries to work on a wide variety of projects focused on global health issues.



Lianne Sheppard (Biostat, DEOHS) was invited to serve as chair of a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee panel. She will help review air quality criteria and standards for the Oxides of Nitrogen Primary NAAQS Review Panel. **Timothy Larson** (DEOHS) and **Joel Kaufman** (DEOHS, Epi) also serve on the panel.

Making a Difference



The Northwest Center for Public Health Practice is continuing its nearly 15-year tradition of supporting [emergency preparedness and training](#) efforts with two new projects this year.

"These projects will identify training and communication needs, and barriers to implementing best practices in an effort to strengthen the culture of preparedness throughout our public health system," said **Luann D'Ambrosio** (HServ), associate director of NWCPHP. The projects will address the demand for up-to-date training, as well as the gap between generating evidence about what works well and translating that evidence into actionable information. D'Ambrosio heads the project on training; **Janet Baseman** (Epi, HServ) is PI for the communications project.

Around the Water Cooler

[Calendar](#).

Special Bulletin

This year's Common Book is [Catching Homelessness](#) by UW Nursing faculty member **Josephine Ensign**. In addition to detailing her own history, the book examines our country's homelessness epidemic and health care safety net. Sign up for the [listserv](#) to stay up-to-date on workshops and join the discussion. Learn more about Ensign's efforts to address homelessness in [an article](#) from *NewsBeat*.

Jobs

[SPH job listings page](#) for national and local public health jobs and opportunities.

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Need a good read this summer? Check out Dean **Howard Frumkin's 'Top Ten' book recommendations**, which range from Geraldine Brooks' *The Secret Chord* to the latest from nature writer Terry Tempest Williams.



Shirley Beresford (OD, Epi) sang in the choir of an [Interfaith Prayer Vigil in Solidarity and Hope](#) at St. James Cathedral after hundreds of people had marched from St. Mark's Cathedral to express their support for peace and LGBT tolerance in the wake of the Orlando shooting. She also issued an [all-School statement](#) in the wake of the massacre.



Fifteen Health Services PhD students and numerous faculty and alumni attended the AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting (ARM) in Boston last month, presenting a combined 36 poster and podium presentations.



PhD student **Phillip Hwang** (Epi) is taking part in a study examining the association between sleep medications and Alzheimer's disease. He's featured in a recent [NewsBeat article](#).



The START Center in Global Health recently celebrated its [5th year of collaboration](#) with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. The center has completed 75 research requests, with another 12 underway, and has trained more than 45 Research Assistants.



Oysters are good for our health and the environment, according to [Oysters: A Story of Sustainable Farming](#), the winning video in **Jennifer Otten's** Food Studies: Harvest to Health class. It was made by **Caroline Deurwarder, Tatiana Chua, Kaytlin Woo, Ziyi Liu** and **Tauri Dyann Mast**.

Featured by the ASPPH

[Ebola simulation exposes risks to clinical caregivers;](#)

Scott Meschke, Nancy Simcox and Sarah Wolz (DEOHS)

[Barriers and opportunities for Seattle food waste;](#)

Jennifer Otten (Nutritional Sciences, HServ)

[Disparities in traumatic brain injury care for children;](#)

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